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Form 8-K

January 30, 2006

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UNITED STATES  
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
Washington, D.C. 20549

FORM 8-K  
CURRENT REPORT

PURSUANT TO SECTION 13 OR 15(D) OF  
THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934

Date of Report (Date of earliest event reported) January 26, 2006  
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BERKSHIRE HILLS BANCORP, INC.  
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(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Delaware ----- (State or other jurisdiction of incorporation)	0-51584 ----- (Commission File Number)	04-3510455 ----- (IRS Employer Identification No.)
24 North Street, Pittsfield, Massachusetts ----- (Address of principal executive offices)		01201 ----- (Zip Code)
Registrant's telephone number, including area code: (413) 443-5601 -----		

Not Applicable  
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(Former name or former address, if changed since last report)

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ITEM 5.02. DEPARTURE OF DIRECTORS OR PRINCIPAL OFFICERS; ELECTION OF DIRECTORS;  
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APPOINTMENT OF PRINCIPAL OFFICERS.  
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On January 26, 2006, Berkshire Hills Bancorp, Inc. appointed Wallace W. Altes to its board of directors. It is not currently expected that Mr. Altes will initially be named to any of the committees of the board of directors of the Company.

The press release announcing Mr. Altes' appointment is included as Exhibit 99.1 and incorporated herein by reference.

ITEM 9.01 FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AND EXHIBITS.  
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- (a) Financial Statements of Businesses Acquired: Not applicable
- (b) Pro Forma Financial Information: Not applicable
- (c) Exhibits

Number -----	Description -----
99.1	Press Release Dated January 30, 2006

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SIGNATURES

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned hereunto duly authorized.

BERKSHIRE HILLS BANCORP, INC.

Dated: January 27, 2006

By: /s/ Wayne F. Patenaude  
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Wayne F. Patenaude  
Senior Vice President and  
Chief Financial Officer